

Minutes
Town of Lake Park, Florida
Town Commission Budget Workshop
August 25, 2004, 7:30 p.m.
Town Commission Chambers, 535 Park Avenue

The Town Commission met for the purpose of a Town Commission Budget Workshop on Wednesday, August 25, 2004 at 7:35 PM. Present were Mayor Castro, Vice Mayor Balias, Commissioners Carey, Daly and Garretson, Town Manager Doug Drymon, Town Attorney Tom Baird and Interim Town Clerk Stephanie Thomas.

Mayor Castro led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Interim Town Clerk Stephanie Thomas performed the Roll Call.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

Town Manager Drymon provided a brief synopsis of the 2004-2005 fiscal budget year. He indicated that there were small capital changes that were made. Town Manager Drymon stated that a Code Enforcement Officer has been added to the budget around mid-year, a part time Community Affairs Assistant will be hired and a security system will be installed at the Lake Park Public Library. He stated that monies have also been set aside for the Town's Martin Luther King Celebration. (see Exhibit A) Finance Director Cindy Sementelli added that the estimated reserves at the fiscal year end will be \$350,000.00. Finance Director Cindy Sementelli informed the Commission that she and Town Manager Drymon are currently working on a five year plan for the Town.

Town Manager Drymon stated that based on the analysis, the current millage rate 8.3500 and a taxable value of \$428,324,602.00; the Town is expected to collect \$3,397,685.00 in ad valorem taxes this year. He concluded by stating that the monies that were not allocated for can be used to fund the Park Avenue project. Town Manager Drymon stated that if the project is prolonged the project a few months, it will save the Town money.

Mayor Castro stated that he does not support lowering the millage rate at this time. He would like to save as much money as possible in that it will be available in the event the Town suffers from a natural disaster, litigations and other emergencies. The Commission agreed to set aside \$125,000.00 in restricted reserves.

Sanitation

Public Works Director stated that he would like to implement a seven year program for the Public Works vehicles. He requested to finance two vehicles and outright purchase a front loader truck (approximately \$153,000.00) in that the ones that are currently in stock are nearly inoperative and are no longer manufactured. In response to a question posed by Commissioner Garretson, Public Works Director Paul Carlisle indicated that it would not affect his departmental budget; the funds will be taken out of the Sanitation Fund Revenues. The Commission expressed their support of the Sanitation Department's Budget.

Commissioners Salaries

Commissioner Garretson requested the opinion of the Commission as it pertains to their salaries. Commissioner Garretson stated that there should be 1 percent increase added each year until the Commission reaches a fair amount of compensation that is comparable to a population of 9,000-10,000.

Mayor Castro indicated that he supports the 10% increase for the Commission.

Commissioner Daly inquired about the employee salary caps. He feels that they are on the lower part. The Commission agreed that a salary survey will be obtained and it will be reviewed within the next fiscal year.

Public Comment opened.

No Speakers.

Public Comment closed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission and after a motion to adjourn by Vice-Mayor Balias and seconded by Commissioner Daly, and by unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.



Mayor Paul Castro



Interim Town Clerk Stephanie Thomas

TOWN OF LAKE PARK
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Approved on this 20th day of October 2004.



Jeb Bush
Governor

Department of Environmental Protection

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Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000

David B. Struhs
Secretary

July 21, 2004

Honorable Edward Daly, Commissioner
Town of Lake Park
301 Lakeshore Drive, Unit 504
Lake Park, Florida 33403

Dear Commissioner Daly:

I am writing to confirm our conversation regarding the proposal of locating a restaurant at the Lake Park Harbor Marina. This property was conveyed by the State of Florida to the Town of Lake Park by Deed Number 22899 in 1961. This conveyance was made with several deed restrictions. One restriction requires that the property be used for public park and boat ramp purposes only. Another deed restriction provides that if the property is not used for public park and boat ramp purposes and for a period of three consecutive years not used and maintained for these purposes or used for other purposes, the property shall revert to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida. The construction of a restaurant in the park would violate the deed restrictions and result in title to the property reverting to the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida.

Sincerely,

Dale Adams, Administrator
Submerged Land Section
Bureau of Public Land Management

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